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(Alleman, Barbel)
Serial No. 10/696,019; filed October 28, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated June 20, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-7), without traverse. Applicants further elect SEQ ID NO: 3.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: